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Kajal



Butterfly



Sophia



**One day, Kajal went to the garden.
There were many butterflies in the garden.**



**The butterflies were hovering over the flowers.
They were sucking nectar from the flowers.**



**Kajal ran after the biggest butterfly.
It had blue, yellow and red wings.**



**The butterfly flew and sat on a rose.
Kajal ran after it.**



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**The butterfly flew and sat on a marigold.
Kajal ran after it.**



**The butterfly flew and sat on a jasmine.
Kajal ran after it.**



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The butterfly flew and sat on a *Sadabahaar** flower.
Kajal ran after it.

**Sadabahaar* – periwinkle



**The butterfly flew and sat on a sunflower.
Kajal ran after it.**



**Sophia was also in the garden.
She had a floral clip on her hair.**



**The flower on the clip was pink in colour.
Also, there were green leaves under the flower.**



**The butterfly flew and sat on Sophia's hairclip.
The butterfly thought it was a real flower.**



After the butterfly flew off, Kajal took Sophia's hairclip. She clipped it on her own hair.



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**Kajal put on the hairclip and sat there.
She sat quietly without moving.**



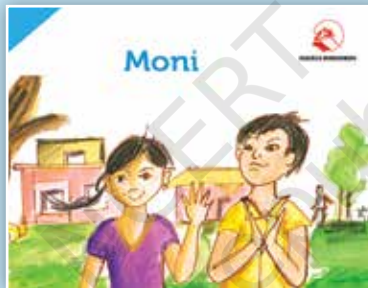
**Kajal waited for the butterfly.
Kajal kept sitting and waiting.**

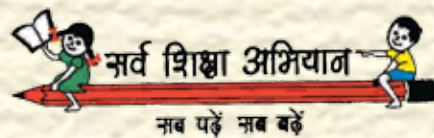


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**Suddenly, many butterflies came near her.
A butterfly even came and sat on her hairclip.**

Stories of Kajal and Madhav





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